

## OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on January 7, 2013, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Smith, Dickmann, Riedel, Schwebs, Brown, Solberg, Cruz, Beety and Mercil. Knaack was absent.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Mayor Knaack introduced and welcomed Erik Turner who was recently hired for the position of Executive Director of the Dunn County Economic Development Corporation.

MOTION was made by Mercil, seconded by Beety, and carried to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jim Lilli, Executive Director of the Dunn County Humane Society, announced that he was available for questions relating to the proposed animal shelter contract.

Jackie Broughton encouraged the City Council to look at both sides of the contract issue and act in the best interest of the City and the animals.

Jeff Luther asked the Council to consider the burden on the nine or ten property owners if they are required to provide winter maintenance to the Cedar Falls Road multi-purpose trail adjacent to their properties.

PRESENTATION – Rebecca Kralewski, Executive Director of the Menomonie Housing Authority, presented the city with two checks which represents their annual payment in lieu of taxes (\$3,900 - Memorial Heights Apartments; and \$34,841.11 - HUD Public Housing).

MOTION was made by Beety, seconded by Mercil, and carried to accept these two checks totaling \$38,741.11 from the Housing Authority of the City of Menomonie in lieu of taxes.

MOTION was made by Schwebs, seconded by Cruz, and carried to suspend the rules to hear from Jim Lilli of the Dunn County Humane Society.

Mr. Lilli explained the per capita rates proposed in the 2013 and 2014 contract; their current capacity to house stray dogs and cats; and their process for receiving and housing the animals.

MOTION was made by Cruz, seconded by Brown, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve Option #2 (in City Council Agenda Comments) which includes a two-year contract and review/look at other options during 2013 prior to the 2014 budget process.

MOTION directing the City to maintain the Cedar Falls Road multi-purpose trail on a temporary basis with an annual review was made by Smith, seconded by Solberg, and carried on the following roll call vote: Smith, Dickmann, Schwebs, Solberg, Cruz and Mercil. Noes: Riedel, Brown and Beety.

No action was taken on the proposed resolution establishing the date for a February 2013 primary election (for local races). *A Spring Primary will be held on February 19, 2013 for the offices of Justice of the Supreme Court and Menomonie School Board.*

MOTION was made by Solberg, seconded by Schwebs, and carried to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office and the Menomonie Police Department relating to a Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) agreement, commencing January 1, 2013.

APPOINTMENT – MOTION was made by Schwebs, seconded by Mercil, and carried with Dickmann opposed to approve the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Jason Hausler to the Urban Forestry Board through December 31, 2015 (fill the vacancy of Alta Vasey Morgan).

COMMUNICATIONS – The agenda packet included the resignation of Ward Two Alderperson, Brian Knaack, effective Feb. 1, 2013; the MEUW 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Safety Report; and the November activity report

from the Building Inspection department. Council member Smith requested the makeup of the Council (number of alderpersons) be placed on an agenda in the near future.

CLAIMS - MOTION was made by Solberg, seconded by Cruz, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve payment of the following claims:

**Claims - 2012**

Airgas North Central	\$ 325.57
All-Lift Systems	460.00
C. Emery Nelson	2,508.56
Cedar Corp.	18,383.25
City Treasurer	7,766.73
Dunn County Treasurer	47.95
Expert Tree Service & Science	925.00
Fabco Equipment	10,357.40
Fuel Service DJ's Mart	25,725.00
Gibson Aviation Services	268.00
Halverson Bros.	1,656.00
Hawkins	1,838.16
Heritage-Crystal Clean, LLC	203.50
Lark Uniform	127.90
Lewis Bjork, LLC	120.00
Manpower	3,907.20
Mineral Service Plus	2,882.92
Heidi Olson	76.59
Schofield, Higley & Mayer, S. C.	6,497.50
U. S. Postal Service	506.38

**Parking Utility Claims - 2012**

City Treasurer	225.93
City Treasurer	324.00

LICENSES - MOTION was made by Beety, seconded by Solberg, and carried to approve the following licenses:

**OPERATORS:** Justin J. Price; Tracey N. Sether; Nicole A. Wilkerson.

**TAXI CAB DRIVER:** Joshua J. Thompson.

**TEMPORARY CLASS "B" BEER and TEMPORARY "CLASS B" WINE LICENSE:**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church** – February 2, 2013 @ 910 Wilson Ave., Gymnasium (Parish Center/School), (event: Dinner /Auction for School Fundraiser).

MOTION to convene in closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c), (e), and (g) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body had jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; deliberating or negotiating the purchase/sale of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved was made by Cruz, seconded by Beety, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to return to open session was made by Schwebs, seconded by Cruz, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION authorizing a 1.5% wage increase for all city non-represented employees (excludes Police / Fire unionized employees) effective January 1, 2013 was made by Cruz, seconded by Mercil, and carried on roll call vote with Brown abstaining.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Smith, seconded by Dickmann, and carried.